



	<p align="center"><b>Maryland AIDS Administration</b>  <b>Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting Minutes</b>  <b>March 3, 2009</b>  <b>10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</b>  Prince Georges County Health Department</p>	
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Decisions/ Follow-up</b>
<b>Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angie Allen welcomed everyone and introductions occurred.</li> </ul>	N/A
<b>Meeting Framework</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of RAC</li> <li>• Meeting Purpose</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Henry Bishop gave an overview of the RAC and explained the purpose of the meeting.</li> </ul>	N/A
<b>RAC Policy Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heather Hauck, Director, AIDS Administration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heather Hauck presented information on policy updates including: (handouts provided) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State and Federal Funding</li> <li>• Ryan White Reauthorization</li> <li>• Federal Policy</li> <li>• Health Care Reform</li> <li>• Impact Issues</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Last year legislation was passed regarding the HIV testing process. Informed consent is important and has to be documented in the medical record. Providers no longer need a separate consent form. This allows provides more flexibility in the counseling piece. Providers are now required to make appropriate referrals. The AIDS Administration is trying to make HIV testing more routine.</li> </ul>	N/A
<b>HIV Reporting Transition</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heather Hauck, Director, AIDS Administration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heather Hauck presented information on HIV Reporting Transition. Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act of 2006 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ryan White funds dependent on name-based HIV reporting</li> <li>• Non-name-based HIV reporting states given three-year transition period, if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Transition plan by 10/1/06</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	N/A

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Laws/regulations in place by 4/1/08</li> <li>• Name-based data to be used in 2010 funding allocations using data reported through 12/31/08</li> </ul> <p>Maryland HIV/AIDS Reporting Act of 2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• House Bill 1270 – Senate Bill 987</li> <li>• Needed to comply with new federal mandates in Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act of 2006</li> <li>• Governor signed on 4/24/2007</li> <li>• Emergency legislation – went into effect immediately</li> <li>• Physician reporting by name of HIV and AIDS cases</li> <li>• Physician reporting by name of HIV exposed infants</li> <li>• Facility reporting by name of HIV and AIDS cases</li> <li>• Laboratory reporting by name of HIV+ and all CD4 and VL test results</li> </ul> <p>Transition Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change over systems to report all new cases using names, immediately</li> <li>• Contact major HIV providers to make available lists of prevalent HIV cases</li> <li>• Re-report previously reported code-based cases as name-based cases</li> <li>• Identify sources of missing cases and investigate</li> </ul> <p>Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successfully implemented new law</li> <li>• Surpassed HIV reporting target</li> <li>• Epidemiological “picture” appears substantially unchanged</li> <li>• Discovered 900+ unreported AIDS cases</li> <li>• Improved procedures</li> <li>• Established new provider relationships</li> </ul> <p>Heather stated that as far as the overall funding, it all depends what the federal government appropriates. This is for 2010 funding and no one can tell right now. All we can say is we did a great job in re reporting the cases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heather told participants that they could always request additional and updated information from the AIDS Administration.</li> </ul>	
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<p><b>Updating the SCSN &amp; Comprehensive Plan</b> Glenn Clark, chief, Center for HIV Care Services AIDS Administration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glenn Clark presented a brief overview of highlights of the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN) and Comprehensive Plan (handouts provided)</li> <li>• The SCSN is a mechanism for addressing key HIV/AIDS care issues and enhancing coordination across Ryan White programs and Parts and serves as a framework for programmatic action that will strengthen Maryland's HIV care service delivery system over a three-year planning cycle.</li> <li>• The Ryan White Act requires Part B grantees to draft and implement statewide comprehensive plans, including a description of HIV-related services in the state, available resources, epidemiological data, service needs, goals and strategies.</li> <li>• The guidelines state further that the plan should address disparities in HIV care, access and services among affected subpopulations and historically underserved communities, the needs of those who know their HIV status and are not in care and the needs of those who are currently in the care system.</li> <li>• The RAC meetings help the AIDS Administration keep on track.</li> <li>• Client Comment: There is a major challenge in communication between Part B and Part A. An information gap is causing an access problem for clients. Heather stated that the rough guess is that 50% of folks diagnosed with HIV are not in treatment.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Identity's Prevention Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eyal Bergman, HIV Prevention Manager, Identity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eyal Bergman presented information on Identity's prevention program (handouts provided).</li> <li>• The focus is on the Latino youth in Montgomery County.</li> <li>• Eyan reviewed the various programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After-school program</li> <li>• Crossroads Youth Opportunities Center in Takoma/Langley Park</li> <li>• Northwood High School Wellness Center</li> <li>• Fatherhood Program</li> <li>• Montgomery County Correctional Facility (MCCF)</li> <li>• Street Smart Retreat</li> <li>• Peer Educators</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identity's CTR sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gaithersburg</li> <li>• Wheaton</li> <li>• Takoma/Langley Park</li> <li>• MCCF</li> <li>• Mobile Unit in Prince George's County</li> <li>• Health Fairs</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Identity's Partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Montgomery &amp; Prince George's Health Centers</li> <li>• MD AIDS Administration</li> <li>• MCCF CDC</li> <li>• Montgomery County</li> <li>• Washington AIDS Partnership</li> <li>• GapBusters Learning Center</li> <li>• Montgomery County Latino Health Initiative</li> <li>• Montgomery County Public Schools</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Successes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.0 seropositivity rate (3.1 with mobile unit)</li> <li>• Very high retention rate of Peer Educators</li> <li>• 33% increase in reporting that they are sure they know how to use a condom correctly</li> <li>• 62% increase in identifying that they intend to always use condoms during oral sex.</li> <li>• 89% of respondents indicated that the information and skills obtained from Group Level Intervention were "extremely helpful".</li> <li>• 95% of respondents indicated that they would recommend the Group Level Intervention to others.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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<b>Community Dialogue</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angie Allen invited community discussion</li> </ul>	
<b>Wrap Up</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announcements</li> <li>• RAC Meeting Schedule</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angie Allen reviewed the 2009 RAC meeting schedule.</li> <li>• Meeting adjourned 12:15pm.</li> </ul>	Evaluation results will be shared in the future.